



## **Rescheduled Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**

City of Texarkana, Arkansas  
216 Walnut Street

**Minutes - Tuesday, February 21, 2023 - 6:00 PM**

Mayor Allen Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Allen Brown, Assistant Mayor Ward 1 Terry Roberts, Ward 2 Director Laney Harris, Ward 3 Director Steven Hollibush, Ward 4 Director Ulysses Brewer, and Ward 5 Director Danny Jewell.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Interim City Attorney Joshua Potter, City Clerk Heather Soyars and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

**ABSENT:** Ward 6 Director Jeff Hart and City Manager Jay Ellington.

Invocation given by Director Steven Hollibush.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Public Works Director Tyler Richards.

### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Yolonda Johnson wanted the house located at 1705 Hickory removed from the demolition list. She said her son was moving back to town and wanted to take over the house.

Bill Edwards, Vicky Lane, spoke about the trash and brush located around Chubby Checks. He also said how busy Garland Avenue was and wanted to know if speed bumps could be placed on the street.

Juanita Harris invited the Board of Directors and all the citizens to come out and support the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Teachers Supporting Teachers Fundraising Event located at Crossties, March 4, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

Charles Santifer wanted his house located on 1610 Harner removed from the demolition list. He said there was a potential buyer for the house and if it were not sold, he would demolish it.

Laney Harris, read a statement regarding 2023 Black History Month. He also said he would like to see something in place for rebuilding some of the houses, not just demolishing them. Director Harris wanted to know what the City was going to do about Ingrahm Pool.

Rebecca Garcia said she was given the house located at 1914 Dudley Street, and she wanted to know if she could have more time before it was demolished.

## **PRESENTATION(S)**

1. Freedom of Information Act presentation. (Admin) Interim City Attorney Joshua Potter

## **CONSENT**

Director Hollibush made the motion to adopt the Consent agenda, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts. The motion carried and the following items were approved:

2. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting February 6, 2023. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars
3. Resolution No. 2023-12 made a correction on the term date for the Historic District Commission – Greg Gallagher. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

## **REGULAR**

4. Resolution No. 2023-13 of the Board of Directors of the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, and the City Council of the City of Texarkana, Texas support the Texarkana Metropolitan Planning Organization 2023 RAISE Grant application for the State Line corridor improvements. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

After a brief discussion, the motion to adopt the resolution made by Director Harris, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-0 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

5. Consider the following action concerning substandard structures:

Conduct a Public Hearing regarding the demolition of twenty-nine (29) substandard structures.

Mayor Brown opened the Public Hearing.

Public Works Director Tyler Richards gave a PowerPoint presentation of the substandard structures to be condemned.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against this item.

No one came forward.

Mayor Brown closed the Public Hearing.

Resolution No. 2023-14 condemned twenty-nine (29) substandard structures for demolition. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

[1001 Prince, 409 MLK, 709 Cleveland, 77 Wellington, 4104 Pinson, 115 E 19<sup>th</sup>, 1518 County, 2012 N Rondo, 1110 Hays, 1006 Grim, 1507 Eugenia, 2003 Pearl, 1821 Dudley, 1914 Dudley, 1202 Prince, 512 Demorse, 120 Eastside, 907 Ida, 1610 Harner, 904 Euclid, 309 Laurel, 310 E 14<sup>th</sup>, 919 E 14<sup>th</sup>, 2600 Locust, 1705 Hickory, 1524 Hickory, 3500 Central, 403 Hickory, and 403 Pecan.]

Motion to adopt the resolution and read just the addresses only made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against this resolution.

No one came forward.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-0 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

6. Ordinance No. 6-2023 waived competitive bidding; authorized the City Manager to purchase a 2022 Ford F-250 Truck. (PWD) Public Works Director Tyler Richards

After a brief discussion, the motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its first reading in abbreviated form made by Assistant Mayor Roberts, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-0 and the ordinance was read the first time in abbreviated form.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading in abbreviated form made by Director Brewer, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-0 and the ordinance was read the second time in abbreviated form.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third and final reading in abbreviated form made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Director Brewer.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-0 and the ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Director Brewer.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against this ordinance.

No one came forward.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-0 and the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted.

*An emergency clause is requested. An emergency clause requires a separate and distinct vote of the board and is valid only if there is a two-thirds vote of approval by the Board.*

Motion to enact the emergency clause made by Assistant Mayor Roberts, Seconded by Director Brewer.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against the emergency clause.

No one came forward.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-0 and the Mayor declared the emergency clause enacted.

7. Ordinance No. 7-2023 waived competitive bidding for the purchase of new self-contained breathing apparatus equipment. (TAFD) Fire Chief David Fletcher

After a brief discussion, the motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its first reading in abbreviated form made by Assistant Mayor Roberts, Seconded by Director Hollibush.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-0 and the ordinance was read the first time in abbreviated form.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading in abbreviated form made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Director Brewer.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-0 and the ordinance was read the second time in abbreviated form.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third and final reading in abbreviated form made by Director Brewer, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-0 and the ordinance was read the third time in abbreviated form.

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against this ordinance.

No one came forward.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-0 and the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted.

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No one came forward.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-0 and the Mayor declared the emergency clause enacted.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTARY**

Director Hollibush said the Mardi Gras parade this past weekend was a success and thanked everyone who attended. He said there would be a community meeting held March 2, 2023, at 5:00 PM located at the Iron Mountain Center, regarding Tri-State Iron and Metal. Director Hollibush said there would be a Tri-State Iron and Metal representative there to answer any questions the citizens had.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board of Directors entered Executive Session at 7:25 PM.

The Mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:42 PM, and the following action was taken:

8. Resolution No. 2023-15 appointed Jason Dupree to the Board of Adjustment. (CCD) City Clerk Heather Soyars

Motion to adopt the resolution made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-0 and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, March 6, 2023**

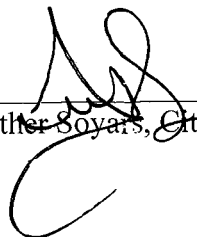
### **ADJOURN**

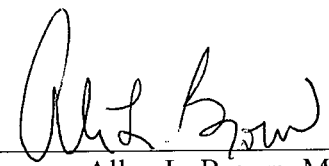
Motion to adjourn made by Director Hollibush, Seconded by Assistant Mayor Roberts.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Assistant Mayor Roberts, Director Harris, Director Hollibush, Director Brewer, and Director Jewell.

The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

**APPROVED** this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.

  
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Heather Soyars, City Clerk

  
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Allen L. Brown, Mayor